

ty, faith and trust which grew out of her basic thinking and dedication. Moving her family to West Virginia, to the farm home where she had been reared, she soon had to give up her eldest child, but her faith still held and she reared her six remaining children, cared for her aged father through a long illness and his death, and in later years performed the same service for her mother. On learning of a neighboring widow with three small children, in illness and distress, she moved them into her home and cared for them until the young mother passed on, leaving the three small children in her care with the request they be kept in Christian homes. This she accomplished for the two older children, keeping the youngest child in her own home and rearing her to adulthood.

This gentle woman might never get the headlines in any book or paper but she has a very important place in the hearts of her family, neighbors and friends and I am sure that she has an important place in the heart of God.

It was my good fortune to often be in her home and I was always amazed at the ease and serenity with which she met each and every problem of life. The mysterious power that God had released to her because of her faith, became a beacon light to all with whom she came in contact. Her home was a refuge for any person in need and her outstanding characteristic was kindness. She seemed to be governed and held with the safety of the

ribbed and undisturbed by d or by the passing centuries — great strength and beauty claim to us the assurance she lives again.

As we lift up our eyes to great silent hills, up where whispering winds make n through the green dark pine the deep forests, we know she sleeps in pensive quietness she lived.

There is melancholy over these gray-green hills of home and in quiet sadness of our hearts, but we treasure her golden memory and the beauty of her gentle and quiet Christian life.

"She was a friend, whose heart was good — She walked with us and understood — Hers was a smile we loved to see — Hers was a hand that asked no fee — For kindness or service done — And now that she has journeyed on — Hers is a life that never ends — She leaves behind uncounted friends.

Her Daughter-in-Love- Della R. Pritchard, Charleston, W. Va.

Surviving are also Mrs. Meda C. Ralston and two uncles, Walter Mullenax and A. D. Mullenax, of Blue Grass; also several cousins.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday morning (Sept. 20, 1960) at eleven o'clock in Blue Grass Central Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Philip Demuth, and the Rev. Walter S. Thomas, of Staunton, a former pastor and close friend of the deceased. Burial will be in the Blue Grass cemetery by the side of his father and mother.

Pallbearers will be Ivan Richie, Jim Marshall, Dr. B. T. Swecker, R. E. Mauzy, Marshall Simmons and Bryan Folks. The family requests that flow-

He was his wife, May L. 1931. He is survived by sons and daughters: John, Norfolk; Howard, Jud. Calif.; William, Md.; Hugh, burg; Richard J. Mrs. Lucille B. Hugh A. Tusney Cecil R. Kipp a Ramsey, at home children and 6 en. Grandsons will bearers and h ers will be des of the Craigsvi. hurch. body will be p Tuesday, Jan. 1, services will t igsville P. Wednesday, Jan. h burial in th erty. ministers will H. Flanikon, e Craigsville y, assisted by lson, pastor ng Presby. Rev. R. P. H of the Crai. rch.

Honorary pallbearers were R. A. McChesney, W. C. Ramsey, W. N. Ramsey and P. J. Kivl-ghan.

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**Mrs. Eudora A. Pritchard**

Mrs. Eudora Harper Pritchard, aged 89 years, departed this life Tuesday, November 5, 1957, at home of her daughter, Mrs. Emerson Newman, of Buckeye, after a long illness which she bore with patience.

Mrs. Pritchard was born April 25, 1868, the daughter of the late Preston M. and Lucretia Gumm Harper, of Knapps Creek.

On June 4, 1889 she was married to Robert M. Pritchard, of Dunmore. They made their home Healing Springs, Virginia, until shortly after his death in 1902, when she and her family returned to Knapps Creek to live with her parents.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Newman, of Buckeye, Mrs. Mary Camden, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Mrs. Elsie Dickson, of Jacksonville, Florida, and one foster daughter, Mrs. Virginia Conroy, of Waltham, Massachusetts, and two sons, C. P. Pritchard, of Buckeye, and Walter Pritchard, of Spencer; also one brother J. C. Harper, of Huntersville, eight grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

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also one brother J. C. Harper, of Huntersville, eight grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her eldest daughter, Annie Grace in 1906 and by a son Norval W. Pritchard, of Charleston thirteen years ago.

Mrs. Pritchard united with the Methodist Church in early life and remained a very faithful member until the time of her death. The way she endured her sufferings was exemplary of her true christian character.

She was always active in the life, of the home, the church, and the community, and was interested in helping those about her. Her influence was felt by all who knew her and it will be lasting. Her faith was one of simplicity and greatness.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon at the Mount Carmel Church by her pastor, the Rev. Lowell Legg and a former pastor, the Rev. J. W. Leggett, of Vinton, Virginia. Interment was made in the family plot in the Baxter Cemetery at Dunmore.

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### Mrs. Andrew Price

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Mrs. Grace Clark Price, 89<sup>W</sup>, died early Thursday morning, March 13, 1958, in Richmond, Virginia, of a heart condition after a month's illness. She had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Cleaveland, for a good many years.

Born at Hillsboro, on April 13, 1868, she was the daughter of the late Alvin and Agnes Beard Clark. She was united in marriage in 1897 to Andrew Price, who preceded her in death in 1930. He was an attorney, former editor of The Pocahontas Times, and State Historian of West Virginia.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. George Cleaveland, of Richmond, Virginia, and Mrs. Margaret Hoke, of Morgantown, and two grandchildren, Ann and Andrew Price Hoke.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Martinon Presbyterian Church, of which she was the oldest member, by the Rev. W. E. Pierce. Burial was made in Mountain View Cemetery.

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'Thy day has come, not gone  
Thy sun has risen, not set  
Thy life is now beyond the reach  
of change or death;  
Not ended but begun.  
Oh noble soul; Oh gentle heart,  
Hail and farewell!"

Whereas, Mrs. Grace Clark Price, a beloved and faithful member of the Women of the Church of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church was called to her eternal home on March Thirteenth 1958; and,

Whereas, The Women of the Church has suffered a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Price, who was a charter member of the "Auxiliary," was for over twenty-five years the Church organist, was an officer in the local Church and the Presbyterial and was the recipient of an honorary life membership in the Women of the Church, therefore be it

Resolved, First, That we go on record as expressing our sincere appreciation of her life, service, influence and character

Two, That we extend our sympathy to her daughters, Mrs. Agnes Cleveland and Mrs. Margaret Hoke.

Three, That a copy of these resolutions be placed with the minutes of the Women of the Church and a copy sent to her daughters.

Women of the Church

CHARLES M. PULLIN

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Funeral services will be held at Ashwood Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Va., but details are incomplete at this time.

### S. J. Riley

Squire Joseph Riley, 79, of Arbovale, died Wednesday, June 22, 1960, in a Weston hospital.

He was a member of the Arbovale Methodist Church and the Modern Woodmen of America at Marlinton and a retired painter.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elza Riley; a daughter, Mrs. Humes Bowles of Chattanooga, Tennessee; three sons, Ivan Riley of Catskill, New York; June Riley of Green Bank, and Gus Riley of Morgantown; a sister, Mrs. Walter Austin of Wichita, Kansas; a brother, William Riley, of Arbovale; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Arbovale Methodist Church with the Rev. J. E. Fairburn in charge. Burial was in the Arbovale Cemetery.

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George W. Ryder ✓xv

George W. Ryder, aged 92 years, of Marlinton, died Wednesday, January 22, 1958, at 6:45 A. M., in the Community House Hospital, at Hot Springs, Virginia.

Mr. Ryder was born in Huntersville, on January 21, 1866, the son of the late George H. and Margaret Smith Ryder.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret R. Ryder, and by three sons: Rexford Ryder, of Mountain Grove, Virginia; Chris Ryder, of Marlinton; and Oliver Ryder, of Aberdeen, Maryland; and six daughters: Mrs. Lare Vance, of White Sulphur Springs; Mrs. John Smith, Frenchburg, Kentucky; Mrs. Warwick Landes, Mountain Grove, Virginia; Mrs. Ray Jenkins, Hot Springs, Virginia; Mrs. Frank Simpson, Cumberland, Maryland, and Mrs. Lester Cundiff, Wilmington, Delaware.

He is also survived by thirty-two grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren.



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Ray Jenkins, Hot Springs, Virginia; Mrs. Frank Simpson, Cumberland, Maryland, and Mrs. Lester Cundiff, Wilmington, Delaware.

He is also survived by thirty-two grandchildren, forty-six great grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Dana Dean and Mrs. Susan Lee, both of Minnehaha Springs, also survive.

The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, January 25th, at the Mountain Grove Methodist Church. The Rev. Lowell Legg officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. M. Gay. Interment was made in the Mountain View Cemetery, at Marlinton.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ryder and daughters, Netha and Elena, of Aberdeen, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Frenchburg, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. ...

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## Deaths

### Miss Virgie Sydenstricker

Miss Virginia Sydenstricker, about 87, died in Roanoke, Virginia, on Saturday, July 16, 1960. She made her home with her sister, Mrs. Ivan (Mamie) Colson.

Born in the old log cabin manse at Hillsboro, she was a daughter of the late Dr. David S. and Mary Levisay Sydenstricker. Dr. Sydenstricker was minister of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church for about thirty years. She was a sister of the late John A. Sydenstricker of Marlinton and the late Lacy Sydenstricker of the Midwest. Her cousin is Pearl S. Buck.

Funeral services were held in Roanoke and graveside service and burial were in Mountain View Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.



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### Roger Lee Turner

Roger Lee Turner, 11, son of  
Charles and Grace Turner, of  
Cass, died Monday morning, June  
30, 1958, of a gunshot wound at  
his home. A coroner's jury ruled  
the wound self-inflicted and it is  
thought he was playing with a  
gun belonging to his father, who  
is town policeman for Cass.

He is survived by his parents,  
one sister, Joyce Marie, and two  
brothers, Denny Richard and  
Charles Larry.

Funeral services were held at  
2:00 Wednesday afternoon at the  
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# Mystery of Old Fort On Clover Creek To Be Explored By Television Program

By Patricia Burton

On Thursday of this week Channel 10 TV, Roanoke will film the story of the "mystery fort" at Clover Creek on the Bullpasture River, south of McDowell.

For over 200 years little has been known of the fort's origin. The markings are clearly visible in a meadow which has never been plowed; the covered pathway leading to the river for the water supply is still protruding from the ground; and the key to the powder room is still in existence.

Oren Morton, in writing his "History of Highland County" in 1910, gave all the information which was then available. At that time, a picture was taken of four little girls, one standing at each corner of the site.

Now, on June 16, 56 years later, the same four will be back for a second picture. They are Mrs. Copland Blair Moyers of Mt. Crawford; Mrs. Virginia Graham Webb of Warm Springs; Mrs. Mary Bess Hamilton Marshall of Williamsville; and Mrs. Willa Hamilton Ross of McClung.

Also present will be Harry Sea-

brooke McClung, owner of the fort site. His great, great great grandfather, Robert Gwin, was a member of Capt. William Preston's company of Rangers in 1758.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Graham Helms of the Bullpasture River will also be guests on the program. Mr. Helms is descended from Robert Carlile and Mrs. Helms from Christopher Graham; two men who were born the same day in the old fort in 1757. Mr. Helms is in possession of the Carlile Bible and a pair of iron tongs

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## Pvt. Holmes Stephenson Expert Marksman

FT. JACKSON, S. C.—Army Pvt. William H. Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Stephenson Jr. of Meadowdale, fired expert with the M-14 rifle near completion of his basic combat training at Ft. Jackson on May 26.

The expert rating is the highest mark a soldier can achieve on his rifle qualification test.

A 1963 graduate of Monterey High School, Stephenson attended



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more entering the Army in April 1966.

## MYSTERY OF FORT (Continued from Page 1)

which were used in the fort. He is a great, great, great, great grandson of Robert Gwin.

Capt. David Gwin, son of that early Robert Gwin, is buried near the fort site in the Clover Creek Cemetery. He gained fame at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in the Revolution when he marched his militia to the aid of General Greene.

Very recently this writer came across information which threw new light on the builder and the actual date of the building of the fort. This led to the discovery of a letter found in the Wisconsin Historical Society, dated April 4, 1757, in which Capt. William Preston tells of his efforts in getting the fort at Clover Creek constructed.

William Preston was a key figure in the early days in Augusta Court House (now Staunton). He was the father of Gov. James Patton Preston 1816-1819); the father-in-law of Gov. John Floyd (1830-1834); and the grandfather of Gov. John Buchanan Floyd (1849-1852).

As a granddaughter of Clarence Monroe Burton, Detroit's first historian and founder of the Detroit Historical Society, I came across Morton's "History of Highland County" in the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit some time after purchasing the "Miss Lil" place at Bolar in 1958. This led to my interest in the old fort at Clover Creek.

The research department of the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia has assisted by supplying additional information as has the Draper Collection at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The time of the showing of the program will be announced at a later date.



# Negro History Largely Unsung

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rights and privileges of citizenship that whites have denied the Negro in America may be easier to restore than something else that was taken away—the Negro's history.

The Negro may have moved up from the back of the bus but he has barely even entered the books, libraries and museums that record the nation's history.

A Negro who recently visited the Smithsonian Institution, that vast national cultural storehouse, said he found only one item with which he could identify: "It was a mural of Eli Whitney and the cotton gin. And you know who was picking that cotton."

And a white woman participating in a panel discussion on Negro history and culture in Washington last week confessed she had graduated with honors from an Ivy League college without ever having heard of Frederick Douglass. So, how many have?

Yet Douglass, an escaped slave who became one of the most articulate and effective leaders of the abolition movement both here and in Europe, is only one of many illustrious

Negroes whose accomplishments have gone largely unsung.

How many school children, for instance, are taught that when Admiral Peary battled his way to the North Pole a Negro friend and associate, Matthew Henson, was with him and may have actually set foot on the pole first?

Or that at Bunker Hill, among those not shooting until he saw the whites of their eyes was Peter Salem, a Negro, who when he did shoot brought down the British commander?

Or that a Haitian-born Negro, Jean DuSable, was one of the first to establish a trading post where Chicago now stands? Or that the machine that revolutionized the shoemaking industry was invented by a Negro.

Efforts are being made to restore the Negro to his rightful role in American history, but they face many obstacles.

"Just as there is tremendous opposition to open housing," said another participant in last week's conference on Negro history, "so is there tremendous opposition to open history."

But bias—and all history is distorted to the extent the writer decides what to put in and what to leave out—is only part of the problem in telling the Negro's story. The documentation

on which history rests—the diaries, letters, records, pictures, newspapers—is just not there.

"This material is in attics, in basements, in trunks and boxes, stored, forgotten and in danger of rotting away," last week's conference participants were told. "It must be ferreted out and used."

There is a bill before Congress to establish a commission for this purpose. California, Michigan and Connecticut have passed laws calling for the teaching of Negro history in their schools. But many Negroes are reluctant to leave the collecting of their history to the government, and private universities and institutions are already engaged in the task.

In Washington, the Frederick Douglass Institution and Museum has a wide array of material available to the school children of the District of Columbia. In Detroit, the International Afro-American Institution has a traveling display it takes to the schools. Much of the material in the Detroit collection has been gathered from neighborhood attics.

The Negro, searching for his past, is in a position to help historians find it.

It was a careful rou as Gilbert explained fraught with historic chance as well as current worthiness.

Back in 1850, after discovery of gold at Sutter's in 1849 started the gold rush, John Sutter commissioned Edward Beale to carry a sam gold strike back to Washington and the Treasury Department. Beale made the arduous land journey successful. It was Beale's trail that followed to bring his back East.

Beale went on to brigadier general, helped the Army Camel Corps. Ultimately was honored naming of the California base for him. Beale is located in the heart of gold fields, hard by one of the communities like Sutter's Flat, and Sutterville.

## Restoration Plan

It seems that alarmed AFB are now participating in community effort to restore Smartville as a gold rush site. A big celebration is scheduled for July 12 at Smartville. The proceeds from the will go toward the restoration of the town, starting with the run-down Catholic church which was built during the gold times.